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BLETCHLEY Park screened The Imitation Game last night to open its exhibition based on the film. See MK LIFE for more details

'She was a lovely little girl'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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TRIBUTES have been paid to a seven-year-old girl who died following an asthma attack.

Ciara Barker collapsed at her home in Netherfield on October 18 and after being sent to Milton Keynes Hospital, she was rushed to John Radcliffe in Oxford as her condition deteriorated.

But just two days later, her family made the tough decision to turn off her life support machine, having been told she would have extensive brain injuries if she did recover.

Ciara's grandfather, Ted Pym, 62, paid tribute to the 'boisterous' little girl, telling MK NEWS: "She loved My Little Pony and all the princess stuff.

"We have got her a horse and carriage and a little mauve coffin as it was her favourite colour. She's dressed up as a fairy to be buried. She was a lovely little girl, we loved her dearly."

Ciara had visited MK Hospital two weeks prior to her tragic death after suffering a similar attack.

But on the fateful Saturday at home, where she lived with mother Marie Rooney and her six brothers and sisters, Ciara complained of feeling ill again, before collapsing on the stairs. Now Langland Community School in Netherfield, where Ciara was a pupil, is aiming to raise money for asthma charities and build a permanent memorial in her honour.

Headteacher Kate Stewart said: "Ciara was a sweet, friendly and helpful little girl who will be greatly missed.

"The other students couldn't really take it in at first, they were shocked.

"She was such a helpful girl, always willing to do whatever she could to help others, be that members of staff or other children."

Incredibly though, the grieving family has had to battle Newton Longville Parish Council about where to bury Ciara, *pictured below.*

The family wanted to bury her at the cemetery in the village's St Faith's Church, where her aunt, uncle, grandma and great grandparents were all laid to rest. But the council refused the request as Ciara did not live in the village, residing five miles away.

Mr Pym added: "All we wanted was to bury her.

"It's ridiculous they couldn't help us."

The council said the policy is necessary because of the limited space available.

For more tributes and further reaction, visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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There were 507,000 visitors to MKWeb in October, proving our website is the best for news, views, sport, events and much more. Below is a glimpse of what you can see. Turn to page 14 for more details.

Station X sci-fi event in Bletchley

Is the big freeze set to hit MK?

Batman helps feed the homeless

Sex assault caught on phone

How do you solve a problem like parking?

BY JAMES AVERILL
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IT HAS been described as the 'number one issue' affecting the city centre – but can you help solve the parking crisis?

According to Melanie Beck, the city centre manager who represents more than 35,000 members of businesses, firms have raised serious concerns at the fact that workers cannot park in standard spaces worth 40p after 8.30am.

It has already resulted in one company leaving the city and there are concerns more could follow unless Milton Keynes Council adopts a future policy to address it.

But do you have the idea that could solve the problem?

Maybe you have a way that could utilise the current spaces better?

Would you offer businesses reduced parking in premium red spaces to let punters park in purple?

Ms Beck believes that there is at least a temporary solution to the problems.

She exclusively told MK NEWS: "This is the number one issue affecting the centre and its businesses.

"If you get here after 8.30am you just can't find a standard parking space.

"The council doesn't have a future policy in place.

"We have large parcels of land that could be used for temporary parking though while they do come up with a plan.

"It's a major concern. Allianz have relocated to Luton and one of their major concerns was parking. Nobody listened to them."

Packed: Melanie Beck is concerned that purple spaces are full

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A PARKING FACTFILE:

- There are 20,930 parking spaces in total in Central Milton Keynes
- Just 1,054 of them are free to park in
- 10,018 of them are standard (purple) spaces worth 40p
- 4,604 spaces are premium (red) bays worth £1.40
- More than 1,000 standard bays in Midsummer Boulevard on an average day are occupied all day

MK NEWS ASKED DRIVERS FOR THEIR VIEWS ON PARKING...

"IT'S terrible," said James Evans, *pictured left*, from Broughton.

"The bays are very small now as they were built for smaller cars years ago, cars are much bigger now.

"I think there are too many premium spaces, but I don't think there is a lack of spaces overall. They just need to use them better.

"I do feel like every time you go there is a premium charge to pay."

Giles Halsey, from Newport Pagnell, told this newspaper he would have to move out of the city if a nearby friend wasn't able to help him out.

"Parking is not easy," said Giles, who has to get the train from MK Central down to his job at the Foreign Office in London.

"Fortunately I have a friend who lives in Bradwell Common who lets me park at his home.

"If he moved, and I had to pay £6 or £7 a day in a multi-storey car park, I would move back to London. It's a good place to live but the parking is a joke. There are too many red spaces.

"The Foreign Office has buildings in Milton Keynes and it actually changed some of the working hours just so staff could get parking spaces.

"If they aren't going to develop pieces of land in less than five years then I think they should put temporary multi-storey car parks on them.

New strategy 'on agenda'

THE cabinet member responsible for car parking has said that Milton Keynes Council is reviewing its parking strategy.

Cllr Mick Legg, portfolio holder for the public realm, told MK NEWS that the review was ongoing and would be put out for consultation within the next couple of months.

Responding to claims by city centre manager Melanie Beck that there was 'no future policy' in place to tackle parking problems, he said: "We have got 2,000 empty spaces at most times across Milton Keynes.

"If you do have lots of underused premium spaces then you have to look at how you can use them better.

"That issue is part of a review we are currently undertaking and we expect it to be put out to consultation for eight weeks.

"Parking is something that has always been on my agenda.

"In the longer term I would also like to look at pay on exit parking and lots of other initiatives."

Batman to the rescue: Roddy Stewart, pictured in costume, has been helping out the homeless

Caped crusader helps homeless

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MASKED vigilante has been carrying out good deeds – by buying cups of coffee and Greggs bakes for homeless people while dressed up as Batman.

Roddy Stewart, 26, has been brightening up the day for homeless people near Milton Keynes Central by popping into the bakery store and stocking up for them.

MK NEWS spotted the Wolverton resident carrying out his kind errand in Station Square on Friday morning and quickly grabbed him for a chat. You can see a video online at **mkweb.co.uk**.

He said: "I like to give homeless people a bit of time. The amount of people who just walk straight past them is ridiculous. These people are humans and they all have a story to tell. You don't know what they've been through.

"Buying them a coffee or some food can get them through the day. If you push out good energies then you get good energy back. It keeps the cycle going."

One of the homeless people touched by Batman (Roddy's) generous gesture is 36-year-old Jason.

He said: "He visits me every day more or less, it depends if the police move me on.

"If it's cold he brings me a cup of coffee to warm me up.

"It definitely brightens my day up and it shows that there are good people in the world."

Roddy says he carries out his coffee round every day 'if he has the cash', though his Batman exploits are not as regular.

The caped costume was merely in celebration of a Hallowe'en fancy dress day at work on Friday, though we can all agree he's making a difference without the mask.

"It's all part of Batman's morning routine," laughed Roddy.

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Rape charge

A MAN has been charged with the rape of an 18-year-old woman in Pencarrow Place, Fishermead. Samuel Boateng, 31, from Colchester, was charged after the August 3 incident. He is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday.

Driverless pods

YEAR 12 students can design driverless pods in a new competition. Entries have to be submitted by December 4 and a work placement at the Transport Catapult is the prize.

Cars broken into

FIVE cars parked in Clarke Road, Mount Farm Industrial Estate, near stadiummk, had windows smashed and items including an MK Dons match on Saturday.

Watch out for calls from bank or police

RESIDENTS have been warned against fraudulent phone calls from people pretending to be from the police or banks.

The scam, which often targets the elderly and vulnerable, sees the victim being told that there has been suspicious activity on their account and people being tricked into giving up their card details.

Thames Valley Police have asked residents to let elderly or vulnerable family members and friends know about the scam.

Call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 if you receive a call.

Help find Jeremy Durman

THAMES Valley Police are continuing to appeal for help in tracing Jeremy Durman.

The 39-year-old, who went missing from Epsom, Surrey, last Wednesday, is originally from the city and may have travelled to Shenley Lodge, Oldbrook or Coffee Hall.

Mr Durman is white, 5ft 10ins, of medium to large build, with shaven hair and blue eyes. He also has a tear drop tattoo on his left cheek.

Phone 101 if you see him.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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What about car noise?

I READ with interest that Cllr John Bint sided with the residents who object to the noise from the motocross track, located in his own 'backyard' of Pineham (*'Should brakes be put on motocross?, MK News, October 29*).

Could one hope that the councillor, famous in MK NEWS for his views on speeding on our roads, might extend a similar sympathy to the residents of such places as Simpson and Tinkers Bridge, who are subject 24/7 to the excessive noise of vehicles travelling at 70mph?

Frederick Toates
Sent via email

Address our concerns

THANK you for your excellent coverage of the recent full council meeting and our petition calling for the resignations of the 'taxigate' scandal councillors.

From day one since this scandal became public, we have taken the strong stance that giving a taxi licence to someone convicted of rape is an unforgivable and inexplicable decision.

We welcome the council's audit investigation and are glad that it no longer appears to be downplaying the severity of this matter, but the continued refusal of councillors Subhan Shafiq, Stuart Burke and Gladstone McKenzie to resign is troubling.

We in the Green Party support the right of voters being able to recall councillors if there is a serious issue such as this which needs to be addressed.

This happens in other countries and can be triggered by a proportion of the community presenting a petition or similar.

The only fair, democratic and transparent way for the council to handle this matter is for these three councillors to stand before the electorate and ask them whether or not they wish to continue to be represented by them. As a resident of Bletchley Park ward, which Cllr McKenzie represents, I personally am appalled at being denied the right to hold him to account.

Public faith in local and national politics is fragile at the moment. I urge Milton Keynes Council to have the courage to engage with an angry and disappointed community over this scandal and properly address people's concerns.

Samantha Pancheri
Chairman of Milton Keynes Young Greens and Parliamentary Candidate for Milton Keynes South

The politics of Europe

IT APPEARS from Mark's Monthly Focus (*Letters, MK NEWS, October 29*) that Conservative MP Mark Lancaster is moving closer to UKIP by the day.

He says that 'immigration will be at the heart' of treaty renegotiations with Europe.

The main concerns of the British people are our health service, housing and jobs; but Mark's government is increasingly selling off the NHS and more and more council housing, thus leaving seven millon people on housing waiting lists.

The European Union isn't Europe, but a club of gigantic corporations and banks that has spread poverty throughout every country. Because profit is its motive, the EU has no benevolence. Any 'benefits' such as the 48 hour week, holidays with pay, health and safety controls etc have been achieved despite the EU.

These basic humane conditions are not 'burdens' on business unless you believe that it's okay to live in a zero-hours contract, pay-cutting, race-to-the-bottom, dog-eat-dog society. Welcome to the 'big society', which we don't hear about any more.

The greater exposure of UKIP from behind Farage's cigarette smoke will put their real agenda under public scrutiny.

Then we shall see that though their policies are a bit more extreme than the Conservatives, they are in the same boat when it comes to making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Let's not be conned by the Conservatives or kippered by UKIP.

John Pinkerton
Stantonbury Fields

Wrong on many levels

REGARDING the cunning lobbying in support of the multi-storey car park next to John Lewis.

What is the applicant's role in this murky business? I refer to Hermes Real Estate, joint owners of the shopping building, food centre and the land next to John Lewis.

As someone closely involved in objecting to the same landowner's Primark plans, which would have spelt disaster for CMK, it is a case of déjà vu!

After that plan disintegrated, Hermes met with people like myself and said it would make a fresh start. We took it at its word and I was one of around 80 people who joined it earlier this year for six days of intensive community design workshops.

There was strong support for building new attractions and amenities next to John Lewis, with replacement parking as part of the mix.

This would benefit the centre:mk and residents; MK Gallery, Theatre District, Campbell Park etc. Yet Hermes did not hint of its deadly car park scheme, which it must have been working on at the time.

By ignoring the results of the workshop and rejecting CMK Town Council's more imaginative proposal (*New Horizons, featured in MK NEWS*), Hermes has reneged on its undertaking and revealed it has no interest in the rest of MK.

As for Milton Keynes Council, senior officers, one of whom played a key role in the design workshops, seem to discount accepted policies and support Hermes' massive £30million monstrosity.

Fortunately, council officers dealing with transport have more integrity and say it should be refused because it will cause traffic jams, delay buses and more parking is unnecessary! Hear, hear!

David Stabler
Neath Hill

Pet safety is bang on

ON BONFIRE Night, please spare a thought for the animals and birds who may be terrified by the deafening crashes and blinding flashes.

Traumatised dogs are rushed to vets for emergency treatment; sheep can spontaneously abort; horses gallop into fences and rabbits have been known to die from the shock.

Animal Aid believes that – for the sake of all animals – fireworks should be sold only to organisers of public events and not to individuals wishing to set them off in their gardens or in the street. A ban on sales to the general public would also prevent the terrible cruelties reported every year of vicious individuals deliberately harming animals with fireworks.

We can minimise the impact by keeping cats and dogs indoors from the afternoon onwards and bringing rabbits and guinea pigs inside as well (or at least covering their home with a thick blanket to muffle the noise). Also, check hedgehogs and other wild animals have not made a home in your bonfire before you light it.

Kate Fowler
Head of Campaigns, Animal Aid

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

IT'S when you don't use the city's magnificent grid roads that you realise just how good they actually are.

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Okay, there may be a few hold-ups at peak times, but generally speaking, a great way to get around.

Sadly, the expansion of the city appears to have abandoned the grid principle in favour of more conventional streets with road facing housing and greatly reduced speed limits. Some deranged campaigners even advocate reduced speeds on the existing grid roads, often when there is little or no accident statistics to support their argument.

The reason for this sudden appreciation of something most of us take for granted is that for the past two weeks I've been commuting by car to Oxford each day – a tedious 90 minute journey (at best), with too many pinch-points to mention.

However, the time spent behind the wheel of my Vauxhall Viva has allowed me to reacquaint myself with the Brett CD collection. Here are my top five driving CDs:

5) Neil Sedaka's Greatest Hits
4) Best of Supertramp
3) Sam's Town, The Killers
2) The Colour and The Shape, Foo Fighters
1) The Best of Carly Simon. For some reason, You're So Vain has always been a tune that has struck a chord.

What tracks would you include on a grid road driving compilation album?

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You shall not pass: The lorry struggles to get beyond a parked Porsche in Woburn Sands

Porsche's lorry load of trouble

A LORRY got stuck trying to get past a parked Porsche on a tight road in Woburn Sands on Monday.

Police were called to Church Road to help out after the lorry damaged part of a garden wall trying to get through.

Drivers were stuck behind the lorry for more than an hour before a garage towed the Porsche away and the vehicle was able to get through.

The lorry was trying to deliver a digger that was needed for building work on a house further up the road.

Our photographer Andy Handley took this picture after he got stuck in the traffic jam.

School dinners don't fit the bill

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MUM-OF-THREE has complained to her daughter's school after she returned home hungry because she had not had time to eat her lunch.

According to parents on the Facebook group Olney Noticeboard, students at the town's Ousedale School have been struggling to eat their cooked school meals during the 40-minute lunch break due to a problem with the tills.

Dawn Annan said she emailed the school in Aspreys after her daughter came home 'saying she had not eaten lunch'.

"I should not be forced to make packed lunches just in case my daughter cannot get through the queue in time," said the 43-year-old from Court Corner, Olney.

"I know the dinner staff do the best they can but hundreds have to queue for food, then for tills and eat their dinner in just 40 minutes."

Like Mrs Annan, parents on the Facebook group suggested either the lunch break needs to be extended or a better system put in place.

"Something needs to be done as children can't concentrate without any food inside them," added Mrs Annan.

Headteacher Sue Carbert said the school was aware the tills were too slow and the contract with its supplier has been terminated.

"It is an exaggeration that students are being forced to bring in packed lunches," she added.

"We have appointed a new supplier and are holding a consultation to look at our catering."

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Burst water pipes

MORNING routines such as showering were halted in the MK7 area yesterday morning after a water pipe burst. Anglian Water workers have since fixed the problem.

Greg opens nursery

OLYMPIC gold medallist Greg Rutherford opened a new Asquith nursery in Wolverton Mill on Saturday and took along two-week-old son Milo. Read more at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Director of...people?

MK COUNCIL is advertising for a corporate director for people, offering a £140,000 annual salary. More online.

Protect yourself: This is the sign that was put up by a stallholder in MK this week

Ebola protection sign defended

A STALLHOLDER in Central Milton Keynes has defended his homemade sign which says his hand sanitiser can protect people from Ebola.

Danny Lawrence, 39, from Newport Pagnell, said: "If the sign said protects you against MRSA it wouldn't have caused as much fuss."

As a good will gesture Danny has donated a pallet of the hand sanitiser to a customer who is sending aid to Sierra Leone. The sign has since been taken down.

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Vote for arts group on ITV

ARTS organisation, Festive Road, has been selected to take part in a TV vote for The People's Millions.

The city-based group is delighted to be one of only six finalists in the Anglia West Region to make it through to the public vote for Lottery cash in the competition on ITV.

A winning bid will enable hundreds of local people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to get involved in making giant puppets and take part in music workshops, dance and circus skills.

The money will help Festive Road fund the community celebration Walking with Giants – a carnival parade in Central Milton Keynes every summer.

"This is such an important project, there are so few big events like this that really bring all the community together," said Jessica Rost, managing director.

"Milton Keynes residents deserve to have an annual celebration in the city centre of this kind.

"It would be so great if people in MK supported us, we need to win the public vote on November 26."

The number to call in order to make your vote will be released at 9am on November 26.

Walking with Giants: This annual community event is celebrated in the summer, usually at the popular Milton Keynes Festival Fringe

Firefighter gets sacked by chief

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FIREFIGHTER has been sacked by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service for taking part in the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) strikes.

A source has told MK NEWS that Ricky Matthews, an executive council member for the FBU Southern Region, was in a union meeting on Friday to ascertain whether the strikes, due to be held until yesterday, were legal.

Chief fire officer Mark Jones had called all staff back to work because the service thought the strikes were illegal and, unaware of the request, Ricky was subsequently sacked.

Matt Wrack, FBU general secretary, said: "This is outrageous treatment of a long standing firefighter and an outrageous attack on the right to be in a trade union.

"The FBU is now planning its response on a legal, political and industrial level and we will stand by our victimised member."

Mr Jones said: "After receiving notification of the strike action, we noticed that the FBU had failed to comply with basic legal requirements. Our actions are being called dictator-like, but all we did was follow the law."

Axed: Firefighter Ricky Matthews

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Benji's a screen star

A SIX-YEAR-OLD city boy will star in Debenhams' Christmas advert. Benji Bateman was chosen from hundreds of entries to win the role. More on MKWeb.

The Monkey's rock

YOUNG rock band Monkey Sister have been crowned the best unsigned act in the country in October on the richerunsigned website.

Dr Ann is honoured

DR ANN Limb has been awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of Bedfordshire in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community in MK.

Eye socket fractured in assault

A 56-YEAR-OLD man suffered a fractured eye socket and broken shoulder during an assault in McDonald's on Saturday.

Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses after the attack, which happened in Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, at 2.20am.

The victim was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital, while one of the offenders is thought to have suffered an injury to his nose during the incident.

There were a number of people at the scene at the time of the offence, so if you have any information phone 101.

Bus driver gets really lost

ARRIVA has apologised after a passenger was left stranded when a driver got lost on a new city route.

On Monday Daniel Sullivan commented on the company's Facebook page: "I've just been dumped in the middle of nowhere in MK as the driver didn't know where he was going."

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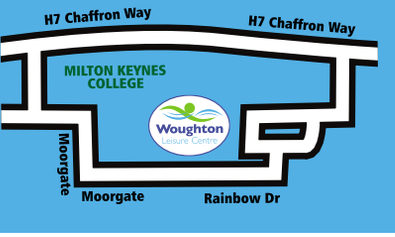

Living in a Ford 'is a nightmare'

BY SARAH LEE
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A MOTHER and her teenage daughter are living in a car – after being evicted from their flat by MK Council.

Beverly Clark, 38, and her 17-year-old daughter Deryn, have been homeless since September 3 after being kicked out of their home in Cherwell House, Bletchley.

"It's a nightmare, we barely sleep as we're scared and it's nearly broken me," said Beverly.

But according to the council, Beverly has made the pair 'intentionally homeless' by failing to pay the rent for the 10 months they resided in the two-bedroom flat from December.

By her own admission, Beverly, who suffered with depression, did not fill in the housing benefit application in time, nor chase it when it went missing.

But now she says the council is failing to help with a discretionary housing payment that could get them back indoors, having identified a private rented accommodation.

Home sweet home: Beverly and Deryn Clark in her Ford Mondeo

She said: "I can't afford it and I can't get a job when living like this. It's a circle I cannot get out of and I need help."

A council spokesman said: "Because of the issues with Ms Clark's tenancy, we found her to be intentionally homeless and therefore not eligible for help from this fund."

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Tribute to 'loyal and caring' Joe

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE family of Joe Kent has paid tribute to the 'loyal and caring' tattoo artist – after a retrial cleared a man of his manslaughter.

Joe, who was also a drummer on the Milton Keynes music scene, died following a night out celebrating his wife's birthday.

He was punched twice by Samir Bostan, 27, of Tring, Hertfordshire, in a row outside the KFC restaurant at Xscape in January 2013.

But a jury accepted that Mr Bostan had hit out in self-defence and cleared him of any wrongdoing.

He was found guilty of assaulting Joe's friend, Andrew Curzon-Berners, but his sentence of 26 weeks was wiped out due to the time he had spent on remand.

The summary of the trial allowed wife Emma to pay tribute to her husband, who died a day before what would have been his 25th birthday.

She said: "Joe was kind and gentle and very funny, always joking and the centre of attention. He was a very talented tattoo artist and spent a lot of time making a name for himself in that field.

"He was passionate that his artistry left a permanent mark on the world and he wanted to leave something behind, which he did."

Joe's parents, Tony and Jenny, also remembered him after the trial ended at Luton Crown Court on Thursday.

They said: "Joseph was a lovely man who was also a great friend, not only to us, but a loyal and caring person to so many of his own close friends."

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Compost your garden waste in a home compost bin – a great Christmas gift for a gardener!

The warmer weather this summer, with occasionally almost tropical rain, has encouraged our gardens to flourish, creating an abundance of surplus garden waste.

With autumn upon us, the time has come to prune, trim and prepare the garden for next year. But what should you do with all the debris? Please put it in your green bin, take it to one of the council's three Community Recycling Centres – or you could use a home compost bin.

Instead of seeing it as waste, think of it as the magic ingredient that, with very little work, can be recycled to give you a free supply of top quality compost. Simply throw it into a compost bin and over the winter months it will rot down to produce environmentally friendly compost that when added to the garden will suppress weeds and retain moisture in the drier months.

Cllr Mick Legg, the council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, said: "Typically, one third of all household rubbish and garden waste is organic matter which should go in the green bin to be composted – or alternatively it can be recycled at home in a compost bin.

"Home composting not only helps to significantly reduce carbon emissions, it can also be used as an effective and sustainable waste management method to reduce the amount of waste we produce."

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Man stabbed in arm in robbery

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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POLICE have released an e-fit of a man they would like to speak to in connection with a knife-point robbery in Fishermead.

At around 6.20pm on Friday, September 26 a 27-year-old man was walking along Fishermead Boulevard and went down an alleyway which leads towards Porthleven Place.

He noticed he was being followed by a man who approached him and demanded money.

The offender then threatened and assaulted him with a knife.

The thug stole some loose change from the victim who managed to run away towards Porthleven Place.

He suffered a stab wound to his right arm and was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital for treatment.

He has since been discharged.

Do you recognise this man?

If you have any information about this offence, or recognise the man in the e-fit, contact Detective Constable Wendy Cissell at Milton Keynes Police Station via 101.

If you don't want to speak to police call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Heroin haul sentencing

TWO men have been jailed for fraud and possession of heroin worth £1,650,000.

Charles Cornelissen, 54, a Dutch national, and Joshua Liversedge, 23, of Crompton Street, Liverpool, were imprisoned for 12 years and seven years respectively at Aylesbury Crown Court last Wednesday.

Their sentencing relates to an incident on April 23 when a Dutch HGV was located by plain clothes officers parked in Chippenham Drive, Kingston.

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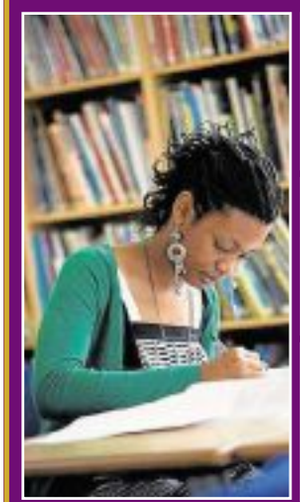

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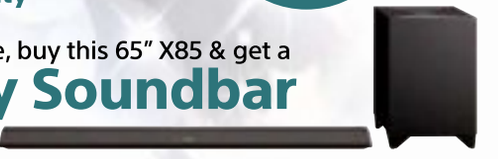

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Lathbury: First World War soldier

RESIDENTS of Lathbury, just north of Newport Pagnell, have been researching the part played by their village in the First World War.

Compelling and poignant accounts have emerged from historical documents in the county archives, military records, press reports and descendants of the families who lived in the village.

More than 30 young men enlisted to serve in the war. Six did not return.

Walter Dorrill died at the Battle of Ypres, near a village called Langemarck. He was shot in the arm and said to a comrade who bandaged him: "I hope you get wounded as well, then we can both go home and have a holiday together."

Almost immediately, another bullet struck his head and killed him. His body was never recovered.

Members of Bow Brickhill's website have celebrated their 'war hero' Gerald Featherstone Knight.

Bow Brickhill: Gerald Knight

Mr Knight was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Third Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment and served with the Royal Flying Corps. During the war he was captured after his plane was brought down behind enemy lines.

Mr Knight spent nine months as a prisoner of war, during which he made three attempts to escape.

He said: "I set about to escape. Opportunity came sooner than I expected. I got through the German lines at night in a suit of the Belgian-peasant sort and swam the Cambrai Canal."

Mr Knight wrote a book called Brother Bosch: an Airman's Escape from Germany. Read more on this, including other First World War stories on www.mkweb.co.uk

PEOPLE from our area would have served in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. This is the grave of Private R Curryer at Arras War Cemetery. Trace a relative who died during the First World War by searching at the Commonwealth Wargraves Commission website – www.cwgc.org

Book captures life on the Home Front

A NEW book has been launched by the Living Archive.

The Milton Keynes Book of Days of The Great War, made possible with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, shares the stories of everyday lives on the Home Front, as well as serving soldiers' memories.

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■ Check out the gallery of pictures on www.mkweb.co.uk that show areas like Newport Pagnell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford as they were during the First World War.

How it once was: People wave goodbye to the soldiers

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FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

‘I was proud of grandad’

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THE First World War is something we all know about, but a Milton Keynes councillor has shared with MK NEWS his personal knowledge of the Great War.

Cllr David Hopkins’ grandfather, Frederick Fudger, fought for the Grenadier Guards during the conflict.

He was drafted in aged 34 in 1916, before being shipped out to The Somme – but it was not on the front-line where Mr Fudger experienced one of his worst moments.

Having been fighting, Mr Fudger and his company had been called further back among the ranks for rest and recuperation when a German mustard gas attack hit the British while they were asleep.

Mr Fudger escaped the worst of the damage, but he was forced to come back to England to recover.

“He was a few lines back from the frontline when it hit,” said Cllr Hopkins.

“He was asleep and when they woke up many of them couldn’t move and several had died.”

Despite that trauma, Mr Fudger returned to France for the rest of the war and had worked his way up to Sergeant by 1918.

The mustard gas attack was not the only incident that affected Mr Fudger though – in later life he couldn’t go anywhere near horses.

“I had a pony when I was a boy but he would never stroke him because he saw thousands of horses killed during the war,” said Cllr Hopkins, who lives in Walton Road, Wavendon.

“He had seen his colleagues mown down by the machine guns and I think he almost became accustomed to seeing that.

“I think the first time that happened it hardened him, but he could never harden to the sight of those poor horses squealing in agony and having to shoot them – it breaks my heart thinking about it.”

Having worked for London County Council before and after the war, Mr Fudger retired to Woburn Sands in 1964 and spoke to Cllr Hopkins about the conflict from time to time.

“He was a great influence on me and I’m immensely proud of him.

“We should all be grateful for what he and everyone else did.

“One of his lasting legacies was that there shouldn’t be a third European war and I’m a great believer in a united Europe.

Did one of your relatives fight in the war? Share your story and pictures **editor@mk-news.co.uk**

Respect: David Hopkins remembers his grandfather Frederick Fudger, *right*

Remember our fallen war heroes at city services

THE nation will fall silent at 11am on Sunday to remember the war heroes who have lost their lives serving their country.

This year marks the centenary of the First World War as well as the year troops left Afghanistan.

If you wish to pay your respects, below is a guide to some of the events:

- **Bletchley Park, 10.30am**
  A parade will leave Bletchley Park and go to Bletchley War Memorial for an 11am service
- **The Square, Wolverton, 9.30am**
  A ceremony will take place at the war memorial
- **High Street, Newport Pagnell, 10.30am**
  A parade will march from Queens Avenue to the town’s war memorial outside the parish church
- **Horsefair Green, Stony Startford, 2.30pm**
  A ceremony at the war memorial will follow a parade through the town
- **Clock Tower Memorial, New Bradwell, 2.15pm**
  Meet at the Clock Tower Memorial before a service at St James Church
- **Market Square, Olney, 11am**
  Remembrance will be held at the war memorial
- **Jonathans, Coffee Hall, 10am**
  There will be a parade followed by a service at 10.45am.
- **Armistice Day, MK Rose, Tuesday, 10.50am**

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Kitchen blaze kills dogs and chinchilla

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TWO dogs and a chinchilla died in a house fire.

The blaze has prompted firefighters to remind people how important it is to get out of a building as soon as possible after an incident is discovered.

Two people had to be treated for smoke inhalation after the fire on Thursday morning in St Clements Drive, Bletchley.

It started because an item had been left on an electric hob which had then been switched on by accident. Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service watch manager Chris Montague said: "Unfortunately, they [the residents] did not leave the house immediately after discovering the fire and opened a downstairs door, which allowed the smoke to spread.

"In the event of a fire, it is important to get out, stay out and call 999."

Firefighters rescued the dogs, which sadly didn't survive. The kitchen was badly damaged by the blaze and much of the rest of the house was affected by heat and smoke.

TEN TIPS FOR AVOIDING A KITCHEN FIRE

- Fit smoke alarms and regularly check them
- In the event of a fire, get out as soon as possible
- Keep your oven, hob, grill and toaster clean
- Double-check your cooker is off after use
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from hobs and ovens
- If you leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off the hob
- Keep electrical leads and appliances away from water
- Don't start cooking if you're tired or have drunk alcohol
- Don't leave children alone in the kitchen when cooking
- Don't put anything metal in the microwave

Knife robbery

COWARDLY robbers held a knife to the throat of an elderly customer in a bookmakers and threatened him unless shopkeepers opened a safe.

A CCTV image of a man officers want to speak to in connection with the incident has been released by Thames Valley Police.

At 6.10pm on October 10 a man entered the Ladbrokes bookmakers shop in Shenley Church End and threatened staff with the bread knife.

The workers could not open the safe and no items were stolen during the incident.

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Illegal booze is down the drain

BY SCOTT KIRK
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OFFICERS have netted hundreds of bottles of wine, spirits and cigarettes after swooping on dozens of off-licenses and convenience stores across the borough.

Teams from Milton Keynes Council's Licensing and Trading Standards, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Thames Valley Police, along with a specialist tobacco detection dog from Wagtail UK, inspected 39 off-licences and convenience stores across the city.

In total, 15 premises were operating in breach of premises licence conditions and seven against Trading Standards legislation.

Chris Londy, the council's head of environmental health and Trading Standards, said: "We will continue to crack down on non-compliant premises, but we will also work with them to ensure they are selling alcohol responsibility and safely in the community."

Jim O'Ryan, deputy area commander of the Milton Keynes Local Police Area, added: "As well as targeting those retailers who flaunt the law by selling non duty paid alcohol and cigarettes, we will target the criminal gangs behind these offences."

Seized: Alcohol and tobacco taken during the swoop on shops

Peter Millroy, assistant director of criminal investigation at HMRC, said: "Disrupting criminal trade is at the heart of our strategy to clamp down on the illicit tobacco market, which costs the UK around £2billion a year, and the sale of illicit alcohol, which costs the UK around £1billion per year.

"This is theft from the taxpayer and undermines legitimate traders."

MK NEWS contacted the council about where the stores were but we were told those details could not be provided.

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CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Now bigger and better: Mini Wonderland team members Micelle Mabbett, *left*, David and Emma Cattigan and Father Christmas are preparing for the return of the event from December 18 to 21

Residents' winter wonderland

MINI Wonderland MK is returning in December for another festive celebration.

The small winter festival organised by a group of residents saved the true spirit of Christmas last year after thousands were let down by the Winter Wonderland event in Campbell Park.

Winter Wonderland had been trying to replicate the popular Hyde Park event but it was cancelled after complaints of a slim Santa, plastic ice rink and a lack of stalls.

The organisers of the not-for-profit Mini Wonderland are hoping for bigger and better things after last year's success was created in only five days.

The festival will run from 9am to 6pm between December 18 and 21 at The New Park, Wolverton Town Sports & Social Club, where families can meet Father Christmas and his elves in a sparkly grotto to receive gifts at £3 per child. At times through-out the day there will also be the chance to have a story with Santa and photographers will take some festive snaps.

As well as festive food and drink, stalls will offer a range of local products.

There will also be bouncy castles and face painters with the promise of snow machines, reindeer and live entertainment. Find out how to book at www.mkweb.co.uk

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CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Festive first for Christmas lights

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FOR the first time in the city's history one of its main boulevards will be lit up for Christmas.

The west area of Midsummer Boulevard will sparkle this festive season following a Christmas lights switch on event on Saturday, November 22 outside intu Milton Keynes.

As well as lights bringing the trees along the route to life, there will also be a laser and pyrotechnic display, which will be seen for miles.

Starting in the early afternoon, the event will feature a full programme of events hosted by MKFM, with guest appearances including the stars of MK Theatre's pantomime Peter Pan.

The event has been organised by Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) and joint partners intu Milton Keynes, centre:mk and MK Council.

Melanie Beck, city centre manager, said: "While the shopping centres already dress up for the Yuletide celebrations each year, this is the first time Central Milton Keynes will light up and add some extra sparkle."

Share your views on the lights? Comment online www.mkweb.co.uk

Artist's impression: What MKCCM wants the event to look like

SWITCH ON FACTS

- There will be 19,200 lights
- The special effects team have worked with Lady Gaga, Rihanna and Calvin Harris
- The pyrotechnics are handmade in the USA
- The project is very eco-friendly
- It will take 200 to 250 man hours to put the lights in the trees

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Theatre is in for a Flawless showing!

BY JUDY RILEY
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WORD on the street has it that urban dance troupe, Flawless, are more than happy to be back on the boulevards of MK.

In 2011, the guys were here with their Chase the Dream Not the Competition tour. In a couple of weeks' time, they'll be body-popping, hip-hopping and back-flipping at Milton Keynes Theatre as Captain Hook's dastardly pirate crew in Peter Pan.

Dastardly? Not really. I've seen more terrifying toddlers trick or treating at my front door. But then this is panto and, as Flawless founder Marlon 'Swoosh' Wallen, says: "We're modernising the whole pirate area!

"We've got some real characters in the group so the best way to go is for us to be scary, yes, but funny pirates."

Peter Pan is not the first Christmas show Flawless have appeared in. Last year, they were the Peking Police Force in Aladdin at Wimbledon and they love the response they get from kids to their antics. "But this time," says Marlon, "it's going to be even better. We choreograph all our stuff. You'll see us doing something different to what you'd expect from Flawless.

"There are scenes on the ship so it'll be fun to play around with props and routines such as cleaning, maybe hang off some chandeliers. But we don't want to give away too much..."

Meanwhile, you have until November 12 to enter Milton Keynes Theatre's #FindYourNeverland competition in partnership with MK NEWS and Center Parcs Woburn Forest.

The prize is one of two £2,500 short family breaks at Woburn Forest and all you need to do to enter the free prize draw is book your tickets to see Peter Pan.

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Pirates: The dance group who made their name on Britain's Got Talent are coming to Milton Keynes to join Captain Hook's crew

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Overwhelmed: Chris Southgate, *centre*, was surprised by the amazing work of the 11 volunteers, some who didn't even know her. Chris McDonnel, *left*, helped lead the project and hoped that not only would it bring people together but also encourage others to become members of Simply Forward and join their regular activities

Shop makeover

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A GROUP of 11 residents gave a shop owner a DIY SOS-style surprise.

Chris Southgate, owner of Questor Woburn Bridal Boutique, was struggling after the death of her mother and was persuaded by friends to take a break. Following her week away she returned to a completely renovated shop and new extension.

In under a week, and with just £150, 11 residents from Woburn and Woburn Sands worked to repaint, redecorate and revamp the boutique that Chris hadn't changed in 10 years.

She said: "It was amazing. My customers wouldn't recognise it and there are things they have done that I didn't even think I could ever do."

Many of the people who helped were from a community group called Simply Forward, which is for men and woman aged 45 and over who are separated, divorced or widowed and looking for friendship.

Member Chris McDonnel appealed for plasterers, electricians and decorators in the area to volunteer for their ambitious project.

The 69-year-old said: "We knocked down walls, covered chairs and found new furniture – everyone was great.

"Local shops helped us with some of the supplies like saws and we got to work."

The group not only renovated the shop but turned an unused outbuilding into storage and a dressing room. Seventy-four-year-old Arthur Roberts did the plastering.

"The community support was overwhelming," added Ms Southgate.

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Dish: Bidwells staff Jenny Bourne, *left*, and Alex Pykett with Vanessa Holmes from Leo's Appeal and, *right*, contributors Ed Sheeran, *top*, and Raymond Blanc

A celebrity serving

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ED SHEERAN and Raymond Blanc are helping a business cook up a storm for Milton Keynes Hospital's Leo's Appeal.

Bidwells, a leading property consultancy company with an office in Silbury Boulevard, has created a recipe book full of local recipes and tasty treats by celebrities including Ed Sheeran's chicken wraps.

Make Me, Eat Me! has been published as part of Bidwells' 175th anniversary celebrations and all proceeds raised go to the company's five nominated charities.

Leo's Appeal is the chosen charity for Bidwells Milton Keynes, which has so far raised more than £5,000 from cake sales to designing a sensory garden at the hospital.

The appeal, which is also MK NEWS' charity of the year, is raising £250,000 to improve the hospital's children's ward.

As well as some famous names, the book, which has more than 175 recipes, also includes a step-by-step guide for a Bakewell Cake by Ann Gillard from MK Hospital Foundation Trust.

Mrs Gillard said: "I was really happy to have my recipe in the book. I have made it for people at work who love it and the recipe itself was just made up out of my head."

Through the book Bidwells hopes to raise a minimum of £30,000. Ian Peck, head of office, said: "We're very grateful to everyone who contributed to Make Me, Eat Me! – a very special collection of recipes which would make an ideal Christmas present."

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Closed care home has mystery buyer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER a care home was closed and the building sold, speculation surrounds what it will become.

Westlands, in High Street, Olney, closed last week after residents were given a month's notice to find somewhere else to live because owner St Andrew's Care Homes Ltd was unable to fill all 19 rooms.

MK NEWS asked people what they would like to see it become and suggestions included a hotel, flats, a home for the homeless, supermarket or pub.

But one resident commented on the Olney Noticeboard Facebook group: "Does it really matter what it's to become? Either way it's not really going to make a massive difference to anyone's life, they've already turfed out the ill and disabled. Could it get any worse than only giving them a month to find somewhere else?"

Andrew Pakes, Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for Milton Keynes South, has called for a review into care home provision after the closure of both Westlands and Rosewood Care Centre in Fenny Stratford.

He said: "We need to ensure that this is not part of a wider pattern as care homes struggle with higher costs and falling budgets. This is a huge issue for MK. Care homes are a crucial support for some of our older residents who can no longer stay in their homes.

"These closures, at short notice, can be disruptive for many vulnerable residents.

"I want to ensure our remaining care homes are sustainable."

Westlands care home: This beautiful building set in a prominent position in Olney's High Street has now been sold, but to who?

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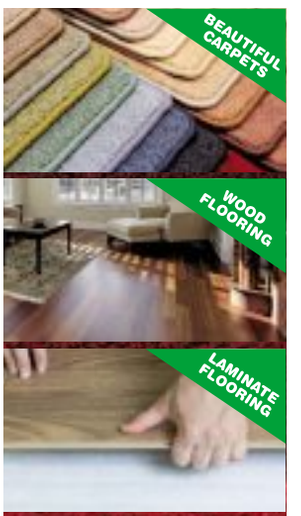

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A high street is now bursting with diversity

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SHOP left empty for more than a decade has finally been filled and three new businesses are bringing vitality back to a town's high street.

Newport Pagnell has returned to having a thriving and diverse high street after three empty shops were filled in the last five months.

As MK NEWS reported a year ago, the high street was becoming full of vacant stores and had five tattoo studios and four nail parlours.

But now that's all changed.

Chairman of the Newport Pagnell Business Association, Brian Rudd, said: "The association is very pleased that three new businesses have opened recently in the High Street.

"There is probably nothing more damaging to the viability and vitality of a town centre than the sight of empty premises, especially ones that have been empty for several years."

The Wool Shop has moved into the old piano shop in the High Street, which was an empty eyesore for over 10 years.

For the award-winning owner Ana Sanchez-Forner this is her second wool shop after her success on Olney's High Street

"I was looking for something bigger as the Olney shop was bursting at the seams. My customers from Olney are coming here and we have a lot of customers in Newport Pagnell.

"Our Tuesday knitting clubs and after school classes are very popular and once we are settled I hope to open up a Thursday afternoon group.

"With the space, we have brought in new yarns and ranges and patchwork – which we never had in Olney.

"It looks like we have a lot of space but I am sure we will soon fill it."

Proving popular with residents is No.38 Vintage Emporium, which has replaced the former wedding shop in the High Street.

The store has a wide range of vintage clothes, furniture, home goods and jewellery from different antique dealers.

Philippa Handy and business partner Sarah Bell overlook the shop's ranges and were pleased with its reception after opening on October 9.

Philippa said: "It is amazing to tell you the truth and has far exceeded expectation, we never thought it would be this busy."

Finally one for all the family is Kilning Me Softly – a unique pottery painting cafe and ceramics studio.

The cafe, which offers hot drinks, snacks and smoothies, specialises in children's parties and private functions, as well as attracting some creative walk-ins.

Thriving: Philippa Handy and Sarah Bell, *above*, are pleased to bring some vintage chic to town, while Harriet Thompson, *below*, is helping customers get creative at her unique cafe and don't forget the knitting classes with Ana Sanchez-Forner, *left*

Velocity grant helps print firm move forward

A FIRM which received a grant worth £2,700 believes it has made an 'invaluable contribution to the business' and will drive sales within the company.

That's the view of Louise Owen, one of the founders of BOBCat Digital, a new digital and large format print business based at Mount Farm in Bletchley.

Louise and her two business partners, Martin Bateman and Rob Blackburn, were successful in winning a grant from business support project Velocity, which is being used to invest in state-of-the-art production equipment and upgrade the company's website.

Velocity is being delivered by Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce and has supported more than 60 businesses across the city since launching in May.

Speaking about the bid, Louise said: "We started trading at the start of the year and the past eight months have been a steep learning curve.

"After a strong start to trading the upshot was that we needed additional funds to take the business forward.

"I am delighted that we have been awarded this grant, which has helped us purchase a new guillotine and develop our website, which will help us achieve our sales targets."

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It's a hattrick for Grant

THE Milton Keynes and Cambridge team of business and finance advisory firm Grant Thornton was named Corporate Finance Advisory Team of the Year for the third year in a row. It celebrated after scooping the top honour again at Insider magazine's Central and East of England Dealmakers Awards.

Andrew comes on board

MILTON Keynes Chamber of Commerce has appointed its inaugural president and vice-president. Andrew Hall, partner at Haywood Mann, has been given the top job while Paul Musselle, founder and managing director of Pulse8 Media Limited, was elected as vice-president.

How to make best bid

MILTON Keynes Council has arranged a series of workshops to provide suppliers with knowledge of how to competitively bid for quotation and tender opportunities that it has. Find out more by visiting www.mkweb.co.uk

Customer satisfaction

INTERDIRECT has won the Customer Experience Award in the hospitality, leisure and entertainment sector at the UK Customer Experience Awards in partnership with Whittlebury Hall. More at www.mkweb.co.uk

Presidential Clothing: Ben Jordan wearing one of his men's t-shirts. You can see more of the brand at www.mkweb.co.uk

New clothing range thinks everyone is their own President

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER a year of planning, a 23-year-old has set up his own clothing range to help other people wanting to get into the fashion industry.

Ben Jordan, from Bletchley, has created Presidential Clothing, a brand that specialises in urban garments including men's t-shirts.

The former Stantonbury Campus student said: "One of the big reasons I have created this clothing brand is to help give opportunities to other young adults to get their first taste in the fashion industry.

"I am working with budding photographers, graphic designers and models, as well as local businesses and companies and the online shop will open on January 30, 2015."

After always leaving unimpressed and empty handed from high street stores, Ben began drawing up Presidential Clothing and was inspired by designers like Kanye West.

As well as men's tees, Ben hopes to branch into women's clothing next year.

He said the name is a statement that 'everybody is there own person and therefore their own President'.

He sees the brand more as a movement for people who want to be themselves.

Ben hopes that the 'tide is turning' on chain stores and that more people will see the benefits of shopping with independent traders.

"I think everybody really needs to support independent trades," added Ben.

"Whether that is in clothing, music events or anything because the whole town will reap the benefits."

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Basically the book is about a slave who works for the Richest Man in Babylon. He works so hard and intelligently for his master and makes him so much money that his master finally rewards him with his freedom. The ex-slave then went on to become the richest man in Babylon. Interestingly Babylon no longer exists today but at the time it was the richest city in the world.

The book is written in biblical language so it has some priceless lessons in it described as Seven Cures For A Lean Purse. These lessons or cures are as follows; Start Thy Purse To Fattening Control Thy Expenditures Make Thy Gold Multiply Guard Thy Treasures From Loss Make of Thy Dwelling A Profitable Investment Insure A Future Income Increase Thy Ability To Earn

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PwC lends a hand to SMEs

A NEW accounting service that helps small and medium enterprises (SMEs) get professional support and financial insight has been launched in the city.

My Financepartner by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) is expected to give SMEs the advice they need to secure future growth.

It offers them a qualified and commercially focussed accountant – a Financepartner – who can meet with them regularly to act as mentor and adviser.

Customers can also get better insight into the business through powerful management information that can work seamlessly with existing accounting software. Karen Campbell, Financepartner for Milton Keynes, said: "We've created this service so they can focus on growing their business."

Meanwhile, PwC has also welcomed 18 new students and graduates to its Milton Keynes office.

More at **mkweb.co.uk**.

Second win for Gym MK

THE company behind The Gym Milton Keynes has been named as a National Champion in the European Business Awards and will represent the UK in the prestigious competition next year.

The Gym Group beat off stiff competition to be selected as one of Europe's National Champions and will compete in the second round in January. The awards are supported by business leaders from across Europe.

The company, which has a gym in Bradwell Common, was founded in 2007 and operates 47 gyms across the UK, which it hopes to expand to 60 by the end of the year.

CEO John Treharne said: "We're very proud to be selected for a second time to represent the UK as a National Champion."

Fit to be champion: Simon Dean, Kyle Davies, Melissa Treharne and Tom Roles at The Gym Milton Keynes in Bradwell Common

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Ex-firefighter's firm is smoking!

BY JACK ASH
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A FORMER firefighter who used to battle smoke is now using it to help kick start his new food business.

In the grounds of MK Arts Centre in Parklands, Turan T Turan runs Coldsmoking Ltd, where he holds smoking, curing and food preserving courses.

Turan, 53, from Blakelands, started the company while he was serving as a firefighter – a role he has since retired from.

"It's been a rewarding and challenging career working with some wonderful people," said Turan.

"It is funny that even in retirement I can't help but come home smelling of smoke."

Starting the company up as a sole trader and teaching classes in Stoke Hammond community centre, Turan was prepping the food at home and travelling to the venue.

At the same time he bought a website and started selling the designs for his smoke houses that could be hand made at home.

He now does day-long courses at weekends and evening courses during the week were people sampling the smoked goods can learn how cold smoking – the process of flavoring, cooking, or preserving food by exposing it to smoke – works.

Since the summer Turan has moved to the new premises and is one of only two teachers to pass on their 'smoke expertise' in the south of England – the other being TV chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.

He said: "I get a whole range of people aged from 20 through to 80, I also get a lot of chefs who get my vouchers as Christmas presents."

To learn more about his smoke courses and Turan's latest book, visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Meat the boss: Turan T Turan is enjoying the success of offering lessons on how to smoke meat at his Parklands premises

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Vodafone store opens

THE former Phones 4U store in Queensway, Bletchley, has reopened as Vodafone. Saving three jobs, the store forms part of Vodafone's £1billion nationwide expansion. Vodafone has taken on 850 former Phones 4U employees as part of its intention to create 1,400 retail jobs across the UK this year. More at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Casino hits the jackpot

THE Casino MK is celebrating after Aspers' Aspire Xtra loyalty scheme was nominated for Best Customer Loyalty Program at the inaugural Global Gaming Awards in Las Vegas. The Aspire Xtra loyalty scheme lets customers receive instant freeplay rewards at slot machines and electronic roulette terminals, removing the need to first earn, then exchange points. More online at MKWeb.

Fashion store arriving

POPULAR fashion shop Jack Wills will be opening a store in Milton Keynes. The chain describes itself as 'fabulously British', and now has more than 50 stores across the country. The firm is looking to recruit numerous staff for various roles in its new store, which will open at intu Milton Keynes. To find out how to apply for one of the roles, and for updates on when it is due to open, log on to **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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Nine other centres are being opened across the country on a phased basis.

They will sort a significant proportion of the parcels Royal Mail handles during the busy Christmas period before they are distributed around the UK and delivered to the door by its postmen and women.

Tony Fox, Royal Mail's operation director, said: "Christmas is the busiest time of year for Royal Mail and our customers.

"The use of additional parcel sort centres has proved extremely successful over the past three years.

"They are now an integral part of Royal Mail's substantial financial commitment in additional resources at Christmas."

Why yoga helps mums-to-be

A YOGA studio has launched pre-natal classes for expectant mums.

According to the experts, yoga helps combat the side affects of pregnancy including high blood pressure, nausea and haemorrhoids.

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Sci-Fi Saturday to invade park

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The event celebrates the best of Sci-Fi with 14 feature films, including the final episode of the first series of Dr Who, Death In Heaven.

Other highlights include Thunderbirds Are Go, Monsters 2: Dark Continent, Cosmic Voyage and 1984.

The films will be on show within inspirational locations around the park, including the iconic Museum of Computing, Second World War codebreaking huts, the Enigma Cinema and the Teleprinter Hall.

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December

Sun 21 Dec
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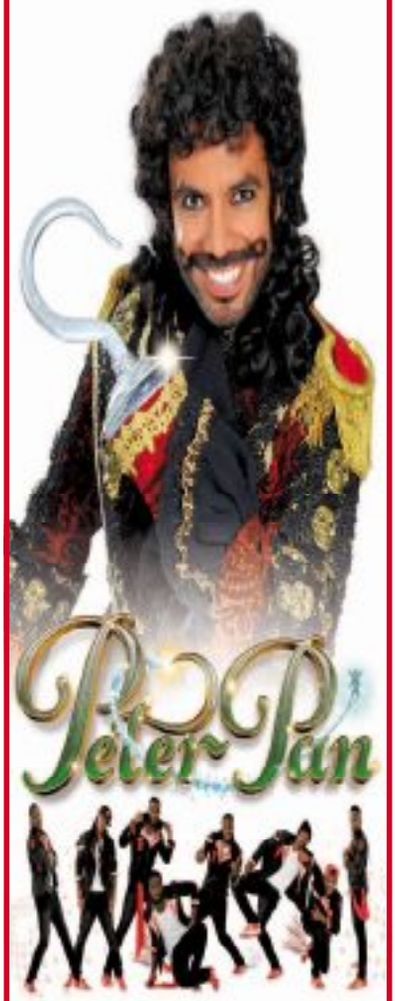

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bonfirenight

REMEMBER, remember the fifth of November by enjoying these events around the city.

Tonight Bonfire Night will be celebrated at the Western Road Recreation Ground in Wolverton with a firework display starting at 6.30pm. Tomorrow, head down to Tickford Abbey for Newport Pagnell's Bonfire Night at 6pm. There will be hot food and drinks to enjoy while watching both displays.

swanlake

A FRESH interpretation of an old favourite means this Swan's a winner.

Bourrée-ing on pointe into Milton Keynes Theatre on Tuesday comes English National Ballet (ENB) with its acclaimed production of the world's best-known, classical ballet.

The story of Prince Siegfried's doomed love for the Swan Queen, Odette, and their battle against the evil sorceror, Rothbart, is all there but there's the added bonus of a prologue scene that explains away one of the more puzzling aspects of the plot.

The choreography is a rich mixture of traditional and contemporary influences and justice is well and truly done to Tchaikovsky's glorious music by ENB's full orchestra.

For tickets prices and to book visit atgticket.com/miltonkeynes

pampertime

WE KNOW our readers go mad for Whittlebury Hall – so here's yet another chance to be pampered.

One lucky winner will get to experience the best spa around with friends and family at the award-winning four-star venue.

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But all you have to do to be in with a chance of winning that spa day for two is answer the following question:

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C) Whittlebury
D) Woburn Sands

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rolanbolan

ROLAN Bolan has a big reputation hanging on his shoulders as the son of T.Rex frontman Marc Bolan.

It has not always been easy, he admits, saying: "Some people expect to see and hear something that they're not going to see."

But he's a rock and soul artist in his own right and you can look forward to new material such as his single Trust, which was released today.

Rolan Bolan plays at the Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Friday. Doors open at 7.30pm and £10 tickets can be bought from www.thecraufurdarms.com

online read the full interview with mica paris online mkweb.co.uk

micaparis

SOUL singer Mica Paris said she would beat her cousin Chris Eubank in a fight.

The revelation came to light when MK LIFE chatted to the star about her forthcoming dance album produced by the Free Masons.

Mica and Chris only found out they were cousins in 1991 but were friends for a long time before.

The 45-year-old said: "We just couldn't believe it.

"People don't know what he's like, but honestly he's a really great guy."

But when asked who would win in a fight between herself and the ex-world champion boxer she laughed and said: "I would kill him."

Mica, born in Islington, is back with a bang and as excited as ever about her forthcoming album.

She said: "It's hippier and younger, I have never gone into dance music before and I'm really excited about it.

"I believe you have to evolve as a musician."

The singer has just returned from Gibraltar where she played at the Jazz festival.

Touring and preforming live is a passion the star has always had.

She said: "I could sing when I was aged seven and my aunty had all the gospel records from the States.

"I had no idea I could sing, it was just a new trick that everybody got excited about and I just knew that when I sang everyone loved it."

Mica will be preforming old favourites and new material at The Stables in Wavendon on March 12, 2015.

For more information and to book tickets visit www.stables.org

stockporthousewife

YOUR average Stockport housewife, Barbara Nice, is coming to the Comedy Cow on Thursday, November 13.

Mrs Nice is the creation of Janice Connolly, and having recently supported the likes of Peter Kay and Johnny Vegas, she is now becoming her own act.

It's a busy night at the Comedy Cow, with Spencer Jones on the support list alongside The Moreorlesque Sisters – a burlesque comedy duo.

Bobby Mair and Ben Van Der Velde will round off the night at The Crown in Market Square, Stony Stratford, at 8.15pm.

To book your £8 tickets go to www.ticketsource.co.uk

braaishack

THE Braai Shack in Wolverton specialises in South African street food, writes Jack Ash.

The Mutton Bunny Chow is a thick stew full of large chunks of mutton and potato, served in a half loaf of bread with a sweet carrot relish and salad garnish.

Ideal for these cold nights, the Bonnie Chow is an extremely fragrant dish full of spices.

The meal is well engineered with the hollowed out loaf of bread preventing the loss of any juices.

While delicious the meal is healthy and combines the best aspects of a mild curry and an English stew.

Stepping into the restaurant is like taking a step into the bush with a strong African influence in the décor with deep orange walls and an array of African inspired furniture.

The staff in the establishment are friendly and there is a strong family vibe.

Read more at **mkweb.co.uk**

farmyardfun

OLD MacDonald Had A Farm – E-I-E-I-O – and it's coming to Stantonbury Theatre for all the family to enjoy.

Written especially for parents and children, this fun filled farmyard tale brings to life all the best loved characters from the original nursery rhyme. The show is for ages four and above and lasts 75 minutes with an interval. Tickets cost £10.50 for adults, £9.50 for concessions and £36 for a family of four. Find out how to book at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

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Tickets £12.50

Tuesday 11 - Wednesday 12 November, 8pm TALON
Superb tribute to the Eagles
Tickets £22

Thursday 13 November, 8pm ANIMALS AND FRIENDS
An evening of classic tunes including House of the Rising Sun
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filmreview

A RAW depiction of the final days of the Second World War, Fury follows a tank crew fighting their way across Nazi Germany.

It's April 1945 and the Allies are pushing into Nazi Germany. Among them is one battle-hardened five man crew led by Sergeant Don 'Wardaddy' Collier.

It soon becomes clear these veterans are mentally on the brink, made worse by the death of their bow gunner and their resentment towards his replacement Norman who is initially despised for his lack of experience and his reluctance to kill Germans.

His morality is in stark contrast to his brutal comrades' do-or-die attitude. In an effort to toughen him up, Wardaddy forces him to kill a German prisoner in one of many attempts to educate Norman about the reality of war.

Brad Pitt is brilliant as Wardaddy, but it's Logan Lerman's performance as Norman that is truly engaging.

Fury is a dark depiction of not only the battle across Germany but also the personal struggles the battle-scarred soldiers faced.

Many war films have shown us the brutal horrors but few capture the truly terrifying nature like Fury.

★★★★★

Rachael West

dancemoves

THERE are a whole lot of good reasons why a dedicated cultural quarter in a city makes a lot of sense.

Not least the opportunity it gives for dancers from English National Ballet (ENB) to pop out of MK Theatre before the evening show and into MK Gallery, next door, to present a short, choreographed dance (of just five to 10 minutes) inspired by the current exhibition of pictures by Vietnamese photographer, An-My Lê.

ENB Associate Artist, frontman George Williamson, (looks about 14 years old but already has an amazing CV as a choreographer) accompanies the dancers.

Admission to the event, on Wednesday, November 12 at 6.30pm, is free but pre-booking is essential. Go to mkgallery.org for more details.

marksteel

MARK Steel makes a habit of taking his show to less touristy destinations.

Before the TV and radio star pitches up at a venue with his show, Mark Steel's In Town, he's done the homework.

Which just goes to show how hard he works as, for at least part of each show, he is producing a unique, bespoke performance for every audience that comes to see him.

While he is appearing at The Stables on Monday, November 17, I suspect he might have less to say about Wavendon and more about the 'city' of MK.

Either way, his observations are usually very funny. Visit stables.org or call 01908 280800 for more details.

greatlaugh

I PLAYED the Milton Keynes edition of Monopoly over the weekend and it was great fun playing the famous board game with this brilliant twist, writes Scott Kirk.

Personally I didn't do very well, being able to buy only Bletchley Park and the National Trust Stowe spaces as I was constantly levied with fines, went to jail early on and had to pay rent to everybody.

I also never thought I would get so angry at having to donate £200 to Open Door every time I passed Go!

But I loved recognising the squares every time somebody landed on the likes of stadiummk or Xscape and the community chest and chance cards are very funny too.

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It's a must buy for any fan of Milton Keynes.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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getdigging

BUDDING Indiana Joneses can unearth some top tips at the Milton Keynes Archaeology Day.

Have spades of fun finding out how to get digging in the area at the event at MK Central Library on Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

crazycats

FIND out what's new pussycat at Hula Animal Rescue on Sunday.

The Winter Warmer event at Glebe Farm in Aspley Guise will include a dog parade, farm animals, children's activities, book sale and Christmas goodies and refreshments at The Trough Cafe. Admission is £2 for adults, but free for children to the event, taking place from 1-3.30pm.

got an exciting event? **email editor@mk-news.co.uk**

for more leisure news visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**

imitationgame

TO CELEBRATE the release of The Imitation Game in cinemas on November 14, Bletchley Park will open a major new exhibition on Monday taking visitors behind the scenes of the highly anticipated movie.

See the trousers worn by Benedict Cumberbatch, the props used by Keira Knightley and visit the rooms featured in the film. Find out ticket prices at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

jazzcollective

THE area's top tunesmiths and swinging singers will be taking over York House in Stony Stratford on Saturday.

Visitors can listen to a selection of artists from The White Horse (Husborne Crawley) Jazz Collective at 8pm. Buy your tickets, costing £3, from Well Past It in Timor Court, Stony Stratford.

musicmasters

ENJOY some talks and demonstrations by music professionals at Arts Central on Saturday.

Hear from Dj Krust, **pictured**, Bob Macc and many more from 11.30am until 7.30pm. Tickets cost £30 at reroutemusic.com

cityorchestra

FOLLOWING his debut as music director of Milton Keynes City Orchestra, Damian Iorio will take to the rostrum again on Thursday.

Damian will be joined by cellist Jamie Walton for the concert at The Venue at Walton High at 7.30pm. Tickets cost from £10 to £22 at www.mkco.org

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PROPERTYNEWS

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Woolstone

THIS beautifully presented four bedroom detached property is in one of Milton Keynes' premier locations.

The interior has been carefully designed and refurbished to a very high standard by the current owners and offers wonderful views over open parkland. The well proportioned rear garden is complimented by a conservatory, while the approach to the double garage is tree lined with gated entrance.

In brief the property comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and downstairs cloakroom.

To the first floor are four double bedrooms, with the master and bedroom two enjoying en-suite facilities, and a family bathroom with underfloor heating.

An internal viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the tranquil setting and high specification of this property which is priced at £700,000.

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£675,000

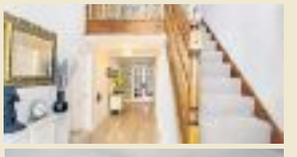
Lavendon

- Detached Stone Barn Conversion
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Popular Village Location
- Garden & Off Road Parking

A detached stone built barn conversion occupying an idyllic position within this highly regarded village. The current owners have refurbished the entire property to a very high standard. A viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

£625,000

Bletchley



- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom, WC & En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden

A stunning, light, airy and spacious chalet bungalow that has been extended and refurbished by the current owners to a very high standard. The property is approached via a large gravel driveway providing ample off road parking.

£450,000

Broughton

- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom, WC & Two En-Suites
- Garage & Off Road Parking

A superb detached family home available with excellent access to local schools and the M1 motorway. The property boasts double glazing, gas to radiator central heating, garage with off road parking, front garden and a rear garden with a large log cabin.

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Bancroft Park £360,000

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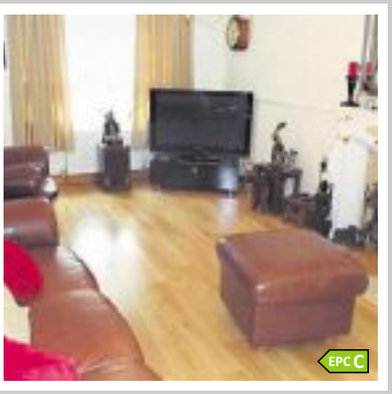
- Rear Garden



Broughton £290,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
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- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Great Holm £399,995

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- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen & Study
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Gardens & Double Garage

Oldbrook £285,000

- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage Conversion

Oldbrook £275,000

- Link Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- Parking & Garage

Stantonbury £225,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Conniburrow £225,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
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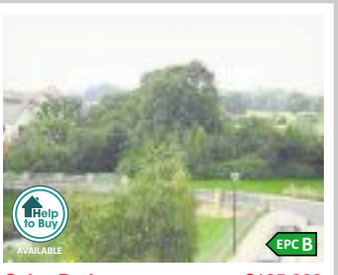

Oxley Park £195,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room

Coffee Hall £185,000

- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage, Gardens & Parking

Eaglestone £185,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Extended Accommodation
- Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
- Garage & Gardens

Bradville OIEO £182,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner & Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Monkston £165,000

- Ground Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room & Kitchen
- Parking & No Chain

Kingsmead Fixed Price £159,995

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Well Presented
- Open Plan Living Area
- Allocated Parking

PUBLIC NOTICE £65,000

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Emerson Valley **£350,000**
- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- No Chain

Milton Keynes Guide Price £310,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
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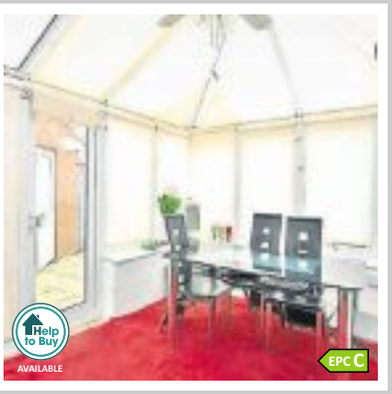
- Garage & Off Road Parking



Oakhill **£299,995**
- Four Bedroom Three Storey Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Driveway & Garage
- Conservatory & No Chain

Oxley Park **£295,000**
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Rear Garden
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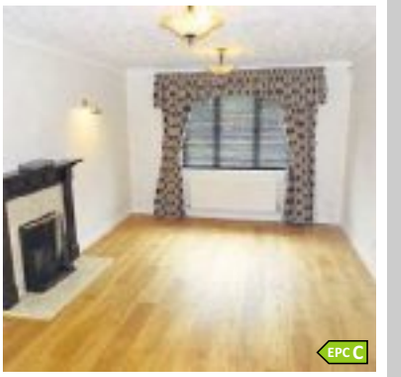

Wavendon Gate **£369,995**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- No Upper Chain

Broughton **£265,000**

- Semi Detached House
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Broughton **£89,000**

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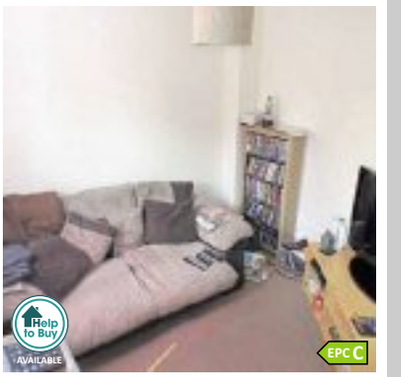
Broughton **£350,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Living Room
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Utility Room



Broughton **£265,000**

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- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
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- Single Garage

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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
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Newport Pagnell **£300,000**

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- Cloakroom
- En-Suite & Bathroom

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- Bathroom & Separate WC
- En-Suite

Newport Pagnell **£235,000**

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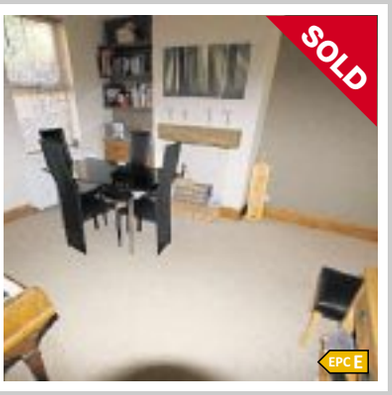
- Large Garden



Newport Pagnell **£235,000**

- End Terraced Home
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- End Of Terrace
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Five Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Garage
- Well Presented
- No Upper Chain

Broughton Offers in Excess **£295,000**

- 2% Stamp Duty Paid
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Utility Room
- En-Suite To Master
- Immaculately Presented
- Single Garage
- Viewing Recommended

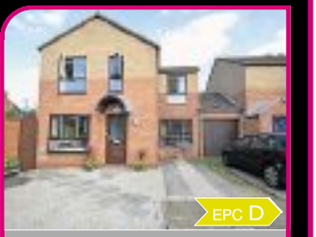
Bradville **£269,950**

- Large Bungalow
- Requires Updating
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Hobby Room
- Single Garage

Walton Park **£375,000**

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Garage
- Popular Area

Wavendon Gate **£295,000**



- Rear & Side Gardens
- Link Detached
- L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Willen Offers in Excess **£275,000**

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- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Living
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Good Size Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Monkston **£197,950**

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Family Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Area
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Master With En-Suite
- Garage

Buckingham **£314,995**

- Lounge
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Open Plan Diner/Kitchen
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Bletchley **£299,950**

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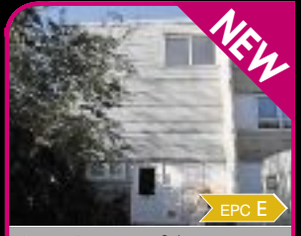

- Communal Entrance
- Stairs Rising To All Floors
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Near To Local Amenities
- No Above Chain

Netherfield **£65,000**

- Refurbished
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted En-Suite To Master
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- No Above Chain
- View To Appreciate

Stantonbury Guide Price **£190,000**

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- Secure Entry
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Bathroom
- No Above Chain

Oakhill **£160,000**

- Spacious Accommodation
- Kitchen With Appliances
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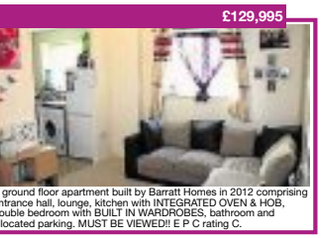

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Headteacher: Mr N Chaaban

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If you are a team player with a flexible approach and a positive, can-do attitude, and would like to find out more about this position, please go to www.radcliffeschool.org.uk to download information about the post and an application form, or contact Jo Moloney on **01908 682 289**. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 19 November 2014.

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Headteacher: Michael Manley

Lunchtime Serving Assistant
Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 1 Point 4 (£14,759) Fixed
(Pro- rata £3,252)

10 hours per week; 38 weeks per year (Term time only)

We are looking for an experienced, energetic and enthusiastic person to be part of a team of catering staff lead by the School's Catering Manager. Our current vacancy is based at St. Monica's school in Milton Keynes. The successful candidate however maybe required to work at St Thomas Aquinas, Bradwell Village, Jubilee Wood or St. Paul's at times throughout the year. You will be responsible for setting and clearing up, serving lunches to pupils, staff and visitors. This will include hot food, snacks and beverages prepared at St Paul's Catholic School's kitchen.

Catering Assistant
St Paul's Range 1 Point 4 (£14,759) Fixed
(Pro rata £8,675)
26 hours per week; 39 weeks per year (Term time) plus 1 extra week

In addition we are looking for an experienced and committed individual to join our catering team at St. Paul's. The successful candidate will prepare and serve meals and snacks for the pupils, staff and visitors. You should enjoy and have a passion for cooking good quality food in a busy kitchen.

St Paul's is a thriving and successful Catholic school with an excellent reputation. We are committed to the care of all pupils and to challenge and support them to do the best that is possible. The hard work of the highly motivated, professional and friendly staff continues to lead to higher levels of pupil learning and examination success. Some of the staff are Catholics, some are practising Christians but all are supportive of the way in which we work. If you are committed to the care and success of pupils and working in a setting where the values of forgiveness, concern for others and respect for each person are important, then you share the core values of the staff at St. Paul's.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday 14 November 2014 at 12.00 noon.

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We are looking for a Learning Mentor to provide a complementary service to teachers and other staff, addressing the needs of children particularly in Foundation to Year 2 who require assistance in overcoming barriers to learning in order to achieve their full potential, under the guidance of teachers / Senior Learning Mentor. Previous experience of working as a Learning Mentor is advantageous; although not essential You should have a good education, at least GCSE grade C level in Math's and English and NVQ3 Teaching Assistant qualification or equivalent.

Reception / Year 1
Learning Teaching Assistants required

28 Hours per week, 38 weeks per year (Term Time) plus two INSET days
1 permanent vacancy at MKC Grade 5 £17,980 - £21,734 per annum pro-rata (Actual pay £11,408 - £13,790)
1 temporary vacancy until end of July 2015 at MKC Grade 4 £15,882 - £18,638 per annum pro-rata (Actual pay £10,077 - £11,826)

Previous successful experience of working as a Learning and Teaching Assistant in Reception/Key Stage 1 is essential, as is a sound knowledge and understanding of EYFS, and a willingness to participate in the wider life of the school. You should have a good education, at least to GCSE grade C level in Math's and English. The permanent MKC Grade 5 position also requires NVQ3 Teaching Assistant qualification or equivalent.

Lunchtime Supervisors required

MKC Grade 2 SCP6 £12,614 per annum pro-rata for hours per week, 38 weeks per year (Term Time) 11.45-1:30pm plus one meeting per half term (Actual pay £2,407)

We are looking to appoint Lunchtime Supervisors to join our hard working, friendly team, who are able to relate well to children and have good speaking and listening skills. You must also be hard working, enthusiastic and have the ability to work independently and as part of a team.

All vacancies have a start date of 5th January 2015.

Visits are welcomed. To request an application pack or to arrange a visit, please contact Gill Ashley, School Business Manager.

Closing Date: 9.00am Tuesday 18th November 2014
Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 24th November 2014

The appointments will be subject to all relevant employment checks and a 6 month probationary period. Annual leave will be taken during the school holidays
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Completed applications should be emailed to: **hr@bedfordschool.org.uk** or posted to **Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road, Bedford MK40 2PL.**

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Closing Date
14 November 2014

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- will be a positive role model
- is a good team player, supporting the classroom teacher with marking and preparation for learning activities
- is enthusiastic and willing to be flexible.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. If you wish to ask for further information or arrange to visit the school please contact Sharon Kempson on tel: 01525 860206 (email skempson@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk) or visit our website www.stmaryslower.info

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Interview date: TBC

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A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at the Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 10 November 2014 until Friday 28 November 2014.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, stating their objections by Monday 1 December 2014.

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS FOR WALTON PARISH AND WOUGHTON PARISH
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Milton Keynes Council has received 2 applications for the designation of 2 neighbourhood areas and, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Council is carrying out a six week consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Areas from **5 November to 17 December 2014.**

The applications:

1) **Walton Community Council** has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Walton parish. The application is accompanied by a map showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and a statement from the Community Council explaining why and how they intend to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the area.
2) **Woughton Community Council** has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Woughton parish. The application is accompanied by a map showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and a statement from the Community Council explaining why and how they intend to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the area.

Both applications can be seen on the Milton Keynes Council website at: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy

How to comment:

All comments on either proposed Neighbourhood Areas must be received by the Development Plans team by **5pm on 17 December 2014.** Comments can be made:

By email to: development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk

By post to: Development Plans, Milton Keynes Council, Planning, Economy and Development, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

By fax to: 01908 252330

Please note that this is not a consultation on the Neighbourhood Plans themselves, but merely the identification of the area for which the Parish or Town Councils wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are a way for Town and Parish Councils to help shape how their community develops over the coming years.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF CAMBRIDGE STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Cambridge Street, Wolverton from its junction with Western Road to its junction with Furze Way in order to allow safe access to the water mains whilst essential repair works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 17th November 2014 until 19th November 2014 between the hours of 00:01am and 23:59pm.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Furze Way, Windsor Street and Western Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 17th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed length of road to be closed can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

05 November 2014

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Rachael Kingsley
Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/02206/FUL	Conversion of school hall to one bedroom dwelling and erection of two storey building to rear comprising of 2 apartments at 32A High Street, Stony Stratford
14/02320/FUL	Single storey rear extension at 53 Anson Road, Wolverton
14/02363/FUL	Insertion of door and window to rear outbuilding (retrospective) at 17 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/02277/FUL	Siting of a temporary marquee for a period of three months at Parkside House Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton On The Green

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

14/02244/FUL	Part-demolition, recladding, extension to handover centre, development of replacement car servicing workshop, valet and car wash facilities, vehicle storage, office accommodation, reconfiguration of external car storage and car parking and ancillary works at Mercedes-Benz UK Ltd, Delaware Drive, Tongwell

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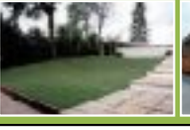

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THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A508 OLD STRATFORD ROUNDABOUT TO A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable repairs to Oxhouse Bridge and safety barrier and routine maintenance works between Old Stratford Roundabout and Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place in phases overnight (8pm-6am) starting on, or after, Friday 14 November 2014 and to last up to 5 weeks. The works will be carried out using lane closures, full carriageway and slip road closures.

The effect of the Order will be to –

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2. close -
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The Order will come into force on 10 November 2014 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Paul Sinfield at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW by emailing paul.sinfield@highways.gsi.gov.uk, or by telephoning 01234 796135.

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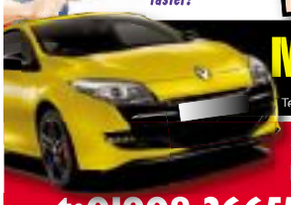

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DONS

After two months on sidelines, Green is ready for comeback

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS winger Danny Green cannot wait to return to the squad for Saturday's trip to Port Vale in the first round of the FA Cup.

It has been a frustrating time for the former Charlton Athletic midfielder, who has been suffering with a hamstring problem for the last two months.

Having impressed in the opening three games of the season, his last appearance came as a substitute in the 4-0 victory over Manchester United at the end of August, and Green admits that the last couple of months have been difficult.

"When you're injured you are still a team member but you're not really because you're not fit and you can't travel so you feel distant," said Green.

"The last two months has been about getting my hamstring strong – I couldn't really sprint on it and every time I did, there was a real sharp pain.

"This has probably been one of the most frustrating times I've had as a professional and it's been tough."

Green said his teammates have been a big help, especially George Baldock and Lee Hodson, who are also out injured.

"The group of lads we've got here make you feel that you're not missing out on anything and George, Lee and myself have all kept each other up with high spirits and we've managed to pull each other through," he said.

"It would be awful if you were on your own every day in there but the boys help you through it and there's a lot of banter flying around."

Green played 62 minutes in Dons' 3-0 defeat to AFC Wimbledon in the Final Third Development League Cup at stadiummk on Monday night, and having come through that he is now looking forward to taking on Port Vale on Saturday.

"I was delighted to get back out there on Monday," he said.

"It's been a long and frustrating eight weeks but it was nice to have a run around.

"Port Vale is a big pitch so I think it'll be an open game which will suit us. It'll be a tough game but hopefully we can move forward in the cup. If you don't play for a while you can come into the squad and there's a chance to make an impact which is really important for a player like myself who's been out for a while."

Road to recovery: Danny Green
Picture: Andy Handley

Green is now hoping to replicate the FA Cup run he managed with Charlton last season.

The Championship side reached the quarter-final of the competition before being knocked out by Sheffield United, who knocked Dons out of the Capital One Cup in the fourth round last week.

"Our priority is the league really but you dream of a great run in the FA Cup as a kid," said Green.

"We played against Sheffield United in the quarter final and it was one of those where you're a game away from Wembley and we just blew it in the end.

"Hopefully we can repeat or do a similar thing for Dons in the FA Cup this season."

Meanwhile, the game against Scunthorpe United on November 15 has been called off due to international call-ups for Ben Reeves and Will Grigg (Northern Ireland) and Dele Alli (England U19s.)

• OUR player of the month competition for October has been launched.

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What's more – one fan who votes will be selected at random to win two Club Red tickets for Dons' home game with Port Vale on November 22 – where they will also present the winning player with a bottle of champagne prior to kick-off.

Last month, Dele Alli was selected as your winner and fan David Church did the honours ahead of the 2-1 League One win over Fleetwood.

October has seen Dons go unbeaten in the league, with victories against Yeovil and Fleetwood and a pair of goaless draws away at Leyton Orient and Doncaster.

The closing date to cast your vote is Wednesday, November 19.

BADMINTON

MK teach University of Nottingham a lesson

MK BADMINTON captain Peter Mills was delighted with the performance of his young team after they narrowly edged out the University of Nottingham in a thrilling 3-2 win on Monday night.

It was a great showing from a team who lost 4-1 to Surrey Smashers in the first game week, and the performance of the night throughout the entire National Badminton League was undoubtedly MK duo Jess Pugh and Toby Penty's 3-1 mixed doubles win over the fancied Chris Adcock and Chloe Magee.

With the overall score at 1-1 in the best of five affair, Pugh, 17, and Penty, 22, came out of the blocks firing to go 2-0 up.

Adcock and Magee pulled a game back before the fourth went to the MK pair to the delight of Mills.

The win was a notable scalp as Commonwealth mixed doubles champion Adcock is considered one of the world's top players.

"I couldn't have asked for more," said Mills. "The two were absolutely brilliant and I think it was the biggest upset of the night.

"I was really happy to get the win and if you can get off to a quick start like they did you can create that shock – they've proven that they can play at a good level."

It rounded off a great weekend for Pugh, who won the Hungarian International with regular partner Ben Lane at the weekend.

"We are in a state of shock," she said. "They had the home advantage but we were the underdogs so we weren't expected to get even a set, so to win was amazing."

Penty added: "I've never had a feeling like that even after I've won a singles match.

"Ben Lane couldn't play so I got the call up and I was getting a lot of stick in training for playing mixed against Chris Adcock."

After their unexpected success, Nottingham pulled the score back to 2-2, but Mills and Paul van Rietvelde beat Robert Blair and Kristian Roebuck 3-1 in the men's doubles as they backed up winning MK's solitary point against Surrey.

Jess Fletcher and Sophie Sankey collected MK's first point of the night in the women's doubles, beating Serena Midha and Carissa Turner 3-2 after Alex Lane was beaten 3-1 by Nottingham's Kieran Merrilees in the men's singles.

Liz Cann was also unsuccessful in the women's singles for MK, going down 3-0 to Olga Konon.

"I was happy with the way we played but they didn't make it easy for us," said Mills. "We just did enough to win and I was happy that we were the ones to seal the victory.

"We're the underdogs in a lot of games so to have four points on the board is great."

MK are third in the league and play Birmingham Lions at the centre:mk on Monday, January 26.

MK Dons midfielder DARREN POTTER writes exclusively for MK News

SATURDAY'S 2-1 win against Swindon Town was a great result against a very good team because they've been doing well in the league recently.

As a collective I thought we were better than them and the FA Cup first round game against Port Vale this weekend takes on a different feel after that win.

From a personal point of view it's a bit of a shame I can't play on Saturday because I've had five yellow cards, and it will be a few weeks until I play again because the Scunthorpe game has been called off due to internationals.

Usually at this level internationals don't really affect us but it's been a regular occurrence this season.

It hasn't caused us any problems and we've used the breaks to rest the legs or get extra training in.

You train all week and your prize at the end of that week is the game, so it can be frustrating when the games are called off, but we've used that to our advantage this season.

It's Port Vale on Saturday and I'm sure most people would prefer a home draw against a team in a lower league, but we were very lucky in the Capital One Cup to play every game at home.

• Luis Suarez hasn't had the greatest start for Barcelona after two defeats in two, but give him a few games and I'm sure he'll do well.

He was obviously at Liverpool last season and he was right up there with the best across Europe and the world with what he did.

I thought it was a crime that he wasn't on the Ballon D'Or list.

I'm not excusing what he did at the World Cup by any means with the bite, but he should have been recognised for what he did because you're talking about consistency day in, day out.

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DEC 13 PRESTON (A) L1
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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Not including Swindon v Preston last night

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2	Preston	15	5	3	0	17	9	4	1	2	11	7	12	31
3	DONS	14	5	1	1	17	7	3	2	2	12	9	13	27
4	Rochdale	15	3	2	3	10	6	5	0	2	19	9	14	26
5	Swindon	15	3	3	1	17	11	4	2	2	14	8	12	26
6	Notts County	15	3	2	3	11	10	4	3	0	11	4	8	26
7	Peterborough	16	4	2	2	13	10	4	0	4	12	9	6	26
8	Sheff United	15	4	1	2	9	6	4	1	3	13	13	3	26
9	Oldham	16	5	2	1	14	9	1	5	2	9	9	5	25
10	Fleetwood	16	4	4	0	11	6	2	0	6	7	10	2	22
11	Chesterfield	16	3	3	2	11	10	2	2	4	12	14	-1	20
12	Barnsley	15	2	1	4	14	16	3	3	2	9	8	-1	19
13	Port Vale	16	3	2	3	13	12	2	2	4	9	12	-2	19
14	Bradford	16	2	1	5	9	13	3	3	2	11	9	-2	19
15	Crawley	16	4	1	3	8	12	1	3	4	7	13	-10	19
16	Walsall	16	3	3	2	9	5	1	3	4	5	11	-2	18
17	Doncaster	14	1	3	3	5	10	4	0	3	9	11	-7	18
18	Colchester	16	2	2	4	10	13	2	3	3	12	11	-2	17
19	Coventry	16	4	2	2	12	12	0	3	5	8	15	-7	17
20	Leyton Orient	16	0	3	5	6	13	3	4	1	11	9	-5	16
21	Scunthorpe	16	2	1	5	7	14	2	2	4	12	16	-11	15
22	Gillingham	16	3	3	2	9	8	0	2	6	5	14	-8	14
23	Yeovil	16	1	4	3	5	12	2	1	5	7	14	-14	14
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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning strike twice with a pair of victories

MK LIGHTNING notched their second four point weekend of the season with hard-earned victories over Guildford Flames and Peterborough Phantoms.

The wins lifted the team to sixth place in the English Premier League table when two weeks ago they were languishing in second from bottom position.

Lightning made a late charge on Saturday to defeat Flames 3-2 at MK Arena and followed up with a 6-5 success at Phantoms the following evening.

It left head coach Nick Poole feeling very happy with the turnaround his side has shown.

"I'm really pleased with the guys because we've had a very tough start to the season," said Poole.

"I've always believed that we have a good team and they've put a lot of work in.

"We still have a lot of work to do but things are turning now.

"It's a really tough league but any time you string wins together you will leapfrog up the table."

Poole's charges came from behind with less than ten minutes remaining with two goals from captain Adam Carr to take the points against Guildford.

Blaz Emersic put Lightning in front before Flames replied with two quick goals in a fairly even first period. Flames were on top for most of the second session – but they were unable to score.

Pile-up: Lightning's Stan Lascek faces a road block against Guildford.
Picture: Jez Tibbetts

Their failure to capitalise cost them dearly in the final period as Lightning increased the pace with little response from the visitors.

On Sunday, Petr Horava got Lightning off the mark and Lewis Hook doubled the advantage.

The game became a topsy-turvy affair as both sides took the lead throughout the match, but the winner for Lightning finally came after 55 minutes with Carr setting up Milan Kostourek to make it 6-5.

Lightning could be without as many as four players this weekend for the trip to Basingstoke Bison and the home tie against Swindon Wildcats, who beat Lightning 5-4 in another close game last Wednesday.

Michael Farn, Ross Bowers and Jordan Cownie are doubts for the games, while new signing Chris Wiggins will also miss out as he is suspended.

"We want to win both games at the weekend," added Poole.

FORMULA ONE

Ricciardo crashes party

DANIEL Ricciardo's unlikely title challenge might be over, but the Red Bull Racing man put in a superb showing to notch up a podium position at the United States Grand Prix.

After qualifying, the Mercedes duo of Nico Rosberg and eventual winner Lewis Hamilton started first and second, with the Mercedes-powered Williams team of Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas in third and fourth.

With that engine performing so well, it looked unlikely that anybody else would break into the top four in Texas, but Ricciardo drove incredibly well to crash the party and finish third. He said that the pit stops were a key component in his recovery to the podium after a poor start.

"The start wasn't very good, I have to put my hand up to that one," said Ricciardo, *pictured*.

"But the recovery was good so we didn't really lose out. The pit stops were really good – Red Bull is known for being awesome in the pits and they showed it today.

"It was great to get ahead of the Williams and get onto the podium."

The result means Ricciardo is 102 points behind title leader Hamilton in third with just 75 left available, but it has been a brilliant first season for him at the city based outfit.

Departing team-mate Sebastian Vettel had to start from the pit lane, but the world champion fought up the field to finish in seventh place. Team principal Christian Horner felt that after a tricky opening both drivers did well to finish where they did.

"After a poor start, it was a fantastic recovery from Daniel," said Horner.

"Some of his overtaking manoeuvres, along with the pit work, got us back ahead of Fernando Alonso and the two Williams drivers to take a place on the podium, so it was an incredible drive.

"For Sebastian, after starting from the pit lane, he had a difficult first stint struggling with the wind.

"His race really started to come alive on his second set of tyres.

"Then, with a final stop going onto the soft tyres for the last eight laps, he drove incredibly well to finish seventh place from the pit lane – so a good team performance today."

The penultimate Grand Prix of the season is next on the calendar, which will take place in Brazil this weekend.

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley Ladies' unbeaten record continues

BLETCHLEY Ladies remain unbeaten this season after they thrashed Leighton Buzzard 81-5.

Within minutes, Rachael Taylor used the conditions to kick well and a foot chase led by Jennie Davies allowed her to gather the ball and cross the line for the first try of the game.

The second followed shortly afterwards, when full-back Claire Sutton gathered the ball and outstripped the defence around the flank, again crossing the whitewash, and Bletchley were relentless from then on.

They were 29-0 up by half time as Beth Metcalf, a brace from Emma Taylor and a second from Davies added to the scoreboard.

In the second half, Lauren Delaney, Rachael Appleby, Beck Woodgates, Charlotte Gallop and Taylor scored as Bletchley ran in 13 tries to Leighton's one.

The men's team are in a completely different situation though as they lie bottom of South West One East, having not won in their first nine games.

They took on a similarly struggling Reading team at home at the weekend, but they were unable to gain a maiden success of the season as they lost 28-20.

In the Southern Counties North, Milton Keynes were beaten 29-8 by Wallingford in a result which sees them rooted firmly at the bottom of the table.

They now find themselves nine points adrift of safety.

Olney were in for a surprise in Midlands Two East South when bottom club Peterborough shocked them with a 26-17 win.

Peterborough took an 18-3 lead into the interval and they picked up where they left off in the second half with another try.

Olney's Brandon Kerr broke through after that and hooker Jim Osborn was forced over for a try to bring the score back to 23-10.

Kerr performed a great side-step to touch over for a converted try, before a Peterborough penalty completed the scoring.

SPORTS SHORTS

KICKBOXING

CROWNHILL kickboxer Andrew Rudol won gold at the Unified World Kickboxing Championships in Carrara, Tuscany, Italy.

Representing the IKF England team, he beat his opponent from Poland to claim the gold.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

JOSH Crawley and Dominic Lawless scored the goals in Newport Pagnell Town's 4-2 United Counties Premier League loss to Wellingborough Town.

Jamie Burrows scored a hat-trick as Olney Town beat Blackstones 5-0 in Division One. The other goals came through a Seb Hood own goal and a Sam O'Neill penalty.

Stony Stratford Town lost 3-0 to Southall in the Spartan South Midlands Division One. In Division Two, Clean Slate were beaten 6-2 by The 61 FC (Luton), while Willen were thumped 6-1 by Hale Leys United. New Bradwell St Peter drew 2-2 with Pitstone & Ivinghoe, while Wolverton Town won 2-1 against Old Bradwell United.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday League, The Garage MK beat Willen 2-1, Punjab United won 8-2 against Wolverton Town and Inter Faith lost 5-2 to Caz Bar. Olney Town lost 4-3 to Swanfica, while Stony Stratford Town beat Open University 3-2.

ATHLETICS

BEST placed teams in the National Cross Country Relays in Mansfield for Marshall Milton Keynes were the U13 boys and U15 girls, who came 21st.

At the 'Squeaky Bone' Relay race at Clifton Reynes, the MMK Affable Amblers were 39th, while at the New York Marathon Daniel Webber finished 249th.

ROLLER DERBY

MK CONCRETE Cows finished the Heartland Series South East Division in second, and will play in the national play-off finals on November 23 in Newark.

A crucial top of the table decider away to High Wycombe's Big Bucks High Rollers saw the Cows come close to topping the table, but Big Bucks took the win 150-147.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's 1sts remain bottom of the South Hockey League Premier Division One after a 5-2 loss to Oxford University, with MK scoring through a Liam Foster brace.

BOXING

RYAN 'The Lion' Nandha will fight at WonderWorld nightclub on Sunday, November 19. He has already had an impressive Thai boxing career, winning 16 of his 18 fights.

MINI-PARALYMPICS

FOURTEEN children will represent Buckinghamshire at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium today in the first ever Central Region Final of the Panathlon Challenge – a 'mini Paralympics' for children.

Pupils from The Portfields, Slated Row and Shenley Brook End Schools in the city will compete for the right to be crowned inaugural Panathlon Central Region Champions.

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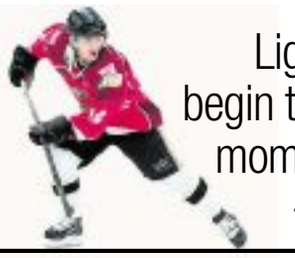

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Changes anticipated for FA Cup trip to Port Vale

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS manager Karl Robinson will ring the changes for Saturday's FA Cup first round trip to League One counterparts Port Vale.

Two of those alterations are forced, with central midfielder Darren Potter and centre back Antony Kay suspended for the game after picking up five bookings.

But Dele Alli will also be rested for the tie and will not travel to Cheshire as Robinson looks to give the 18-year-old wonderkid a much-needed break.

It means that Tom Flanagan, Carl Baker and Mark Randall will start the game, and there is also some great news for Dons as winger Danny Green looks set to make his long-awaited return from injury.

Green has been struggling with a hamstring injury for two months, but he will be on the team bus for the weekend.

"Dele won't even travel because since we came back for pre-season he has played 29 games by November 1," said Robinson.

"He's 18 so that's hard going and we need to make sure we get it right.

"We're looking forward to Port Vale and we feel we have a team that will definitely compete.

"The FA Cup has so much meaning for us all and we're really looking forward to it again.

"Danny Green is a great boost as we've missed his style and hopefully we can get him back in the team as soon as possible.

"He took three corners on Monday night and every one landed on the button so I can't wait to get those back in the first team."

Changes: Antony Kay, pictured, scored the winner in the 2-1 victory over Swindon on Saturday but is suspended for the FA Cup trip to Port Vale this weekend. Dele Alli, who equalised for Dons in the Robins win, will be rested.

With the November 15 game against Scunthorpe United now called off due to Alli, Ben Reeves and Will Grigg being on international duty, Dons will not play again in League One until Saturday, November 22.

It made Saturday's 2-1 success over Swindon Town all the more important for Dons, who are third in the table subject to what happened in last night's game between the Robins and Preston North End.

"It was a really big game for us," said Robinson.

"We'll have three games in hand on most teams around us by the time we're back in the league so we're really happy with how that game went on Saturday.

"I don't think they had any more than five minutes of sustained pressure in our defending third.

"When you keep a team like Swindon limited to basically two chances all game, that shows you how well we played."

Maiden title for Nuttall after wrong man is awarded the championship

NEWPORT Pagnell driver Alex Nuttall has claimed the Dunlop MK2 Golf GTI Championship at the age of just 20 after a mix-up by organisers.

The title had originally been awarded to Simon Tomlinson, but upon realising their mistake, Nuttall was given the honour a week later.

A week last Saturday, disaster had seemingly struck for Nuttall in the final round of the Championship at Oulton Park.

Nuttall had led the championship since round three, and had enough of a lead to require just a finish in each of the final two races to take the title.

He had done that heading into the final race, but a mechanical failure meant he was unable to start the second race and Tomlinson won.

Officials awarded the title to Tomlinson based on points total and number of wins, but it was realised afterwards that they had got it wrong.

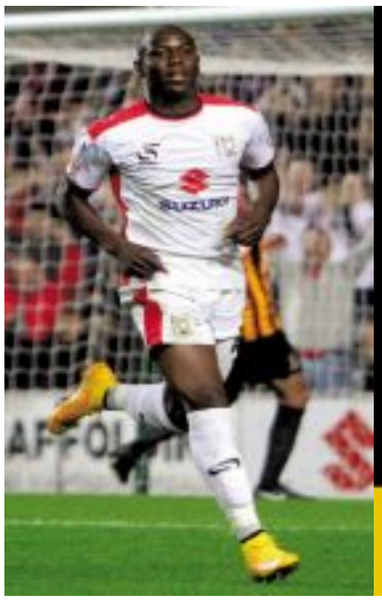
Previously, Nuttall had experienced a poor round at Rockingham and as the rules state that each driver's lowest scoring round is discarded, officials assumed this performance wouldn't count.

However, the final round at Oulton Park was in fact Nuttall's worst result and therefore the round he should drop.

It took a week for the final results to be declared by organisers MotorSport Vision Racing, which resulted in Nutall winning the Championship by a single point.

Meanwhile, Olney-based Joe Osborne capped an impressive 2014 season of racing with a double podium result in the final weekend of the Blancpain Sprint Series, the Baku World Challenge in Azerbaijan.

Racing with Ryan Ratcliffe in a Triple Eight-prepared BMW Z4 GT3, the duo took a pair of runner-up finishes in the Silver Cup class on the challenging streets of the Azeri capital.



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